



# The Intersection

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## This week at the Center:

Week 9 equals GAME week! In most groups at the center, we play commercially available games with modifications as needed! The idea is that families can still have game night; you can have fun & work on language skills at the same time. Keep in mind most games require reading, listening, expressing yourself...not just one language mode.

## What's right for you?

Finding a language task that is at the right difficulty level and is interesting is the key! Don't get bogged down in where the tasks you pick falls in the task order of complexity. The tasks listed first are the most complex progressing to less complex. You want practice that is engaging AND at a level that you get a language workout but not so frustrating that you give up! The Intersection is available to everyone at the Center so it covers a wide range of abilities. Pick what works for you today!!

## A word about the name:

The Intersection is where home meets the Center. So many wonder what happens behind closed doors or how do I help at home or are lost as to where to even begin. Check out the Intersection for ways to keep using your language at home and keep moving on your road to recovery.

## Member Portal:

These are now available on our website in the **Member Portal**. Try it out!

**Password:** survivor

## Common Game Modifications:

- Eliminate timers
- Relax the rules
- Play in teams
- Allow answers to be given in words, gestures or written form

## Some of our favorite writing games:

- Scrabble and Scrabble Slam (a MUCH easier version that uses only 4 letter words. A great game for those struggling with spelling)
- Words with Friends: Have the app? Play online with Melissaterp or Woodyb1943.
- Boggle or the Ruzzle app
- Scattergories (Make this easier by allowing answers to start with any letter)
- Bananagrams (this is hard!)

## Some of our favorite talking games:

- Trivial Pursuit (reading required)
- Catch Phrase (reading required)
- Taboo (Make it easier by USING the word list at the bottom)
- Family Feud DVD
- Name 5 (you can name the answers or write them)

## Some of our favorite reading games:

- Most games require some type of reading!!
- Tip of the Tongue
- Apples to Apples
- Left, Right Center

### **Supported Conversation:**

We all need help! Many members at the Center benefit from their conversational partner giving them some help. This means always encourage use of gestures, or use of a communication book, have paper nearby for writing or drawing, and give choices. When you don't understand, say so!

### **Questions or suggestions:**

This is a work in progress! Email me (Melissa) with questions or concerns. I am happy to help!

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### **So of our favorite Multi-modal (speech, gestures, writing)**

- Hedbandz
- Charades or Charades Junior
- Pictionary
- Cranium

### **Some of our favorite number games:**

- Uno
- Black Jack / 21
- Mexican Train
- Yahtzee
- Bunco
- Penny Poker

### **Some of our thinking skills games:**

- Clue
- Rummikube
- Qwirkle
- Racko

### **Have fun!**

- Have a favorite game that is not on here? Want to play a game but aren't sure how to adapt it? Email me and let me know!